size of the structure is small, they do not alter the river currents/free flow of water in a river and as such pose no environmental concerns. These foundations are generally constructed away from perennial river streams to avoid obstruction to navigation and danger to boats and steamers.

As per the information furnished by the Union Ministry of Power, construction of transmission line is taken up as per the programme of planned development in the transmission system. Where it is necessary to have transmission line across rivers, very high towers of special designs are used for river crossing so as to avoid towers in lower reaches of rivers. The towers in the lower reaches of rivers require pile foundtion involving extra expenditure and therefore, such towers are minimized to the extent possible and as such there is no unplanned construction of power transmission towers in the lower reaches of the rivers. By adopting high towers of special designs, long span across the river is achieved, so that the safety of the towers as well as the flow of the river is not affected.

Recovery of Shahtoosh Shawls

3409. SHRI ABU ASIMAZMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of Shahtoosh shawls, a restricted production of wool, have been recovered recently;

(b) if so, the number of these shawls and the location thereof;

(c) whether in spite of the forbidden instructions of Government, such shawls are being regularly produced and exported; and

(d) if so, the reasons for negligence in execution of Government instructions and the action to be taken against those who are responsible for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As reported by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) twenty one shahtoosh shawls have been seized from three locations in New Delhi. The three locations are as follows:

(i) House No. 82, Uday Park New Delhi

(ii) Rex Carpet Company Shop
No. 17 Hotel Marriott
Welcome Saket, New Delhi

(iii) D-158,1st Floor
Lajpat Nagar-1
New Delhi

(c) and (d) Use of shahtoosh has been banned under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. There is no negligence in the execution of Government instructions in this regard. However, few instances of illegal manufacturing of shahtoosh shawls can not be ruled out. Government of India and State Government of Jammu and Kashmir have taken necessary steps to check all illegal production and sale of Shahtoosh Shawls under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Poshir Dam Project

3410. SHRI P.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has asked for 760 hectares of forest land for the Poshir Dam project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the sanction would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Government of India has not received any proposal for diversion of 760 hectares of forest land for Poshir Dam Project from Government of Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Amendment of CRZ Notification

3411. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States that have submitted amendment to the CRZ Notification;